

Application Instructions for September 2023 Entry

East Kootenay Teacher Education Program

Bachelor of Education (Elementary Curriculum)
Faculty of Education



Thank you for applying to the four-year elementary teacher education program offered at the University of Victoria. We are proud of our teacher education programs and our role in preparing future educators. We hope you find the information in this document helpful as you prepare your application.

If you have questions about the application process or the admission requirements, contact **Education Advising:** by email at adve@uvic.ca.

If you have questions about the Experience Requirement, please contact **Ashlie Wetmore** at AWetmore@cotr.bc.ca.

Checklist items

- Before applying: Read the [admission requirements](#) for year two entry to this full-time program.**
 - o Ensure you will have all course and grade requirements as described above (at least eight half-year, university-level courses in specific topics). Examples of approved courses are listed on the above website.
 - o **All course and grade requirements must be completed by April 30**
Not ready for this year? To complete the admission requirements at UVic, please apply for the Faculty of Humanities or Social Sciences (area of study: undecided).

- Step 1: Submit the online application by Jan 31**
More information is provided on page two.

- Step 2: Submit the following four supporting documents for the experience requirement as follows.**
More information is provided on pages three and four.
 1. Upload your [Summary of Experience](#) (see required template) when you submit your application, by **Jan 31**
 2. Upload your [Reflection on Experience](#) (see required template) when you submit your application, by **Jan 31**
 3. Ask **two** referees to email [Reference Forms](#) (using the required form) directly to AWetmore@cotr.bc.ca by **Jan 31**

- Step 3: Order official transcripts in time for them to arrive by the following deadlines.**
More information is provided on page two.
 - By **January 31**, transcript(s) that show: **Jan 31**
 - grades for all courses attempted to December 31, 2022
 - [in-progress course registrations](#) for January 1 to April 30, 2023, if applicable

 - By **May 31**, we require transcript(s) that show: **May 31**
 - grades for all courses attempted January 1 to April 30, 2023. Order the transcript(s) as soon as second-term grades are available.

- Optional: Indigenous applicants may submit a "[Supplementary Form for Indigenous Applicants](#)" by Jan 31**
More information is provided on page four.

Step 1: Online UVic application by January 31

Apply at [My UVic application](#).

Notes:

- **It is important to upload your Summary of Experience and Reflection on Experience in the required format at the time you submit the application.** If you apply before January 31 and then subsequently upload these items separately (by Jan. 31), **you must allow for a delay of 2-3 weeks** before your uploaded documents will be attached to your application and viewable on your application checklist.
- **Please confirm your January-April 2023 course registration(s) before applying. It is important to include the term's course information (as well as the Fall 2023 term) accurately in the "in-progress courses" section of the application.**
- **Select:** [East Kootenay Teacher Education program](#).
- List every college and university where you've registered under "post-secondary institutions attended." This includes exchange studies, studies transferred to another institution, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate studies, if applicable.
- Late applications (eg. those received after January 31) will be considered only if space remains in the quota after all on-time, eligible applicants have been admitted.

If you have questions about the online application or application fees, write to:



Undergraduate Admissions at adms6@uvic.ca.

Step 2: Official transcripts by January 31 and May 31

Submit an official transcript from every college and university that you've attended, including withdrawals, incomplete, failed, repeated studies and attendance as an exchange student. **We cannot review your application if any transcripts are missing.**

Official transcripts are those sent directly from the issuing institution to UVic. Transcripts in languages other than English or French must be submitted together with notarized English translations.

Check with your institution about how and when to **place your transcript order to meet our transcript deadlines**. Processing and mail delivery times will vary. Order as early as possible. Your application will be considered 'late' if any transcripts are received after the published deadlines.

Notes:

- This includes College of Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB).
- UVic students do not need to order UVic transcripts since we have access to those records.

Have your transcript **mailed** to:

Undergraduate Admissions
University of Victoria
PO Box 3025 STN CSC
Victoria, BC V8W 3P2 Canada

OR

Have your transcript **couriered** to:

Undergraduate Admissions
University Centre, UVic
3800 Finnerty Road (Ring Road)
Victoria, BC V8P 5C2 Canada

Transcript Deadlines:

January 31: deadline for official transcripts showing grades for courses attempted to December 2022

January 31: deadline for official transcripts showing in-progress course registration in the January to April 2023 term

May 31: deadline for official transcripts showing final grades for courses attempted January to April 2023



Step 3: Experience requirement by January 31

You'll need a minimum of 75 hours of practical experience working with groups of children or youth in Kindergarten – grade 8.

- These experiences must be in face-to-face settings, interacting with small groups of youth.
- Can be in either one or two settings, but at least 50 hours must be from a single, continuous experience.
- Experiences listed must be within the past four years, and 50 hours must be within the last two years.
- Experience in international settings is valuable, but we also require at least 50 hours in domestic settings.

You must have completed these hours **prior** to your program application deadline. Hours that may occur in the future will not be considered. In the event of a GPA tie with other applicants, we will use experience to determine the successful candidate.

What qualifies as experience with respect to your application? Note these can be either paid or volunteer experiences, or a combination of both.

Typical experiences for applicants include:

- coaching team sports
- working as a camp counsellor, summer program leader, or after school program leader
- group tutoring or teaching (e.g. teaching music classes, specialty extra-curricular activities, etc.)
- working with faith-based groups or other youth groups
- working in school classrooms as a volunteer or assistant
- cultural work in Indigenous communities
- cultural, social justice, and inclusion-themed work
- organizing/co-organizing of cultural events

What does **not** qualify as experience with respect to your application?

- peer tutoring as a high school student
- teaching or being a TA at the college or university level
- parenting, babysitting or caregiving

A. Summary of Experience (must use template on **page 7**)

Upload with your application (by January 31, 2023)

You will need to list the organizations(s) you acquired your experience, describe your duties and significant learning from these experiences. Please ensure your two references are directly linked to the experiences you list in your *Summary of Experience*. One must be a supervisor.

You can view a **sample** Summary of Experience online here: <https://www.uvic.ca/education/curriculum/assets/docs/experience-requirement-docs/2023-sample-elementary-summary-of-related-experience.pdf>.

You must use the format provided in these application instructions or your application will be considered incomplete and ineligible.

B. Reflection on Experience (must use the format on **page 8**)

Upload with your application (by January 31, 2023)

You will be asked to respond to the two provided prompts using examples from the experiences you included in your *Summary of Experience*. Your responses will be assessed on your ability to respond to the prompts using **specific** examples drawn from your experience described in the *Summary of Experience*. This is not a list of accomplishments but rather an opportunity to reflect on what you have learned and how it will inform you as an educator.

You must use the format provided in these application instructions or your application will be considered incomplete and ineligible.

C. Confidential Reference forms (two) **Each referee to email directly to AWetmore@cotr.bc.ca (by January 31, 2023)**

The confidential reference forms must be from the two people who you have identified in the *Summary of Experience*. Ensure that those you ask to be referees can speak to your experience working with children and youth. One of your referees must be a supervisor.

Referees must use the form provided; reference letters are not acceptable. References must meet the described criteria or your application will be considered incomplete and ineligible.

Both references must recommend or highly recommend your application and results of references are not released to applicants.

Reference reports are due by January 31, 2023, so it is beneficial for you to ask potential referees well in advance of the deadline. Late references will not be considered. Instructions to your referee are included with the reference form. You may wish to review them. It is your responsibility to follow-up with referees to ensure they have submitted the confidential reference form.

References **cannot** be:

- relatives or other family members (including in-laws, step-family, etc.)
- a classroom teacher whose only relationship to you is as your teacher,
- friends or family friends,
- co-workers,
- someone you taught or tutored,
- someone you have supervised,
- somebody who is also applying to a UVic teacher education program.

[Obtain the reference form here by clicking this link.](#) To avoid your form being received in an unreadable format: use the latest version of *Adobe Acrobat Reader* (free) to complete the top portion and save it to a desktop computer (not a phone or tablet) with the following file name: "**NEW/RETURNING FIRST INITIAL LAST NAME 4-YR ELEM**" depending on whether you'll be new to UVic or a returning UVic student (ex. NEW J SMITH SEC PDPP).

- Email the form to your two referees, asking them to follow the instructions on the form to complete it and email it **directly to** AWetmore@cotr.bc.ca.

Note: Applicants may also be invited to meet with the Teacher Education Office during their experience review. Only applicants who are conditionally admitted will have their experience reviewed. **Please do not assume that you have satisfied this experience requirement based on applying or being wait-listed for program admission in a previous year.**

Optional: Supplementary form for First Nations, Métis and Inuit applicants

The Faculty of Education is committed to increasing the number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit teachers and has reserved 5% of the positions in teacher education programs for applicants who meet the Faculty of Education's admission requirements. If you have Aboriginal ancestry, and would like to be considered for this quota, please email the [supplementary form](#) to iedlpa@uvic.ca.

If you need help with the form
or have questions, please call
(250) 721-8389 or e-mail
ied@uvic.ca.



Check your status and checklist

Log into [My UVic Application](#). Use the checklist to see that all transcripts and supporting documents have been received.

Notes:



If you are attending the same institution (other than UVic) in the January to April 2023 term as you are in the Fall 2022 term, you'll see at least two entries for that institution on the checklist: one with a January 31 deadline and another with a May 31 deadline.



It can take two to three weeks from the time an item is received at UVic for it to be recorded on the checklist.



The date a transcript is received at UVic determines whether it is considered on time or late, not the date that UVic staff uploads it to your checklist.

Application status updates

Education Advising will email you at least once by mid-June.

Mid-June: Education Advising will email you if you are not eligible for admission (based on missing requirements or missing documents).

June-July: Once second term grades (due May 31) have been received and reviewed for all applicants, Education Advising will email you: to make an offer of admission, to tell you that you've been placed on a waitlist, or to explain why you are not eligible for admission.

July to August: If you are on the waitlist and a seat becomes available, Education Advising will email you an offer of admission.

Note: Admission offers are time sensitive. If you will not have email access for more than one week, contact Education Advising.

Selection

For September 2023 Entry, admission is based primarily on GPA as long as experience requirements are met.

Conditional admission based on academic requirements: Applicants who apply, submit all transcripts, submit all other required items, and satisfy all academic requirements by the published deadlines will be ranked by their 12-unit grade point average and selected to the program (offered conditional admission) starting with the highest GPA until all program seats are filled.

- *The 12-unit/sessional GPA is calculated on the most recent sessional GPA at April 30, 2023. If the most recent session is fewer than 12 units, previous session(s) averages will be included until a total of 12 units is reached.*
- *12 UVic units is equivalent to 8 typical, half-year courses.*
- *While the minimum required GPA is 3.00 (9-point scale, UVic C+), admission is competitive, and the actual GPA cut-off may be higher.*
- *The number of seats available for new-to-faculty, year two applicants will depend on the number of year-one elementary education students eligible to progress to year two. That number won't be known until May 2023.*



Admission confirmed based on experience requirement: Applicants offered conditional admission as above must satisfy the East Kootenay Teacher Education Office's experience requirement in order for their offer of admission to be confirmed. (See "Experience Requirement" above). **Note:** Only applicants who have been conditionally admitted will have their experience reviewed.

Frequently asked questions

What should I do if I decide not to proceed with my application?

Please notify Faculty of Education Advising at adve@uvic.ca and Undergraduate Admissions at adms6@uvic.ca.

Be sure to tell Admissions if you wish to apply to a different faculty for September 2023.

What do I do if I'm selected to this program?

Respond to the admission offer email from Education Advising to confirm you are accepting the offer. Then submit the \$150 Faculty of Education acceptance deposit to Education Advising. New UVic students must also pay a separate \$200 UVic acceptance deposit to the Undergraduate Admissions Office. Both deposits are applied towards your tuition fees.

May an offer of admission be deferred?

No. If you can't take the program in 2023, you must re-apply for a future entry point.

What courses will I take in this program?

The **program outline** is available in the [UVic Calendar linked here](#).

Is it my responsibility to apply for a teaching certificate after I complete this program?

Yes. Apply to the BC Ministry of Education's Teacher Certification Branch for a teaching certificate upon program completion.

If you've been charged with, or convicted of, a criminal offense, you should write to the Teacher Certification Branch for clarification of your status before undertaking a teacher education program.

Will I qualify for a teaching certificate in another province?

If you qualify for a teaching certificate in British Columbia, you can expect to qualify for a teaching certificate in another province. Please consult the provincial teacher qualification service for additional details about this process.

Where can I get information about tuition?

Accounting Services at <https://www.uvic.ca/vpfo/accounting/services/tuition/>

Tuition is based on a per-unit fee that varies from year to year. The 2023 rate will be announced in the spring. Note: You'll register in 18 units in year two. (See the [program outline linked here](#), near the bottom of the page, for the unit totals in years three and four)

In addition to tuition, you must budget for miscellaneous fees (athletic and student society), room and board, practicum travel and other living expenses. For a breakdown of annual costs, go to <http://registrar.uvic.ca/safa/> (see "budgeting").

Where can I get information about student loans, bursaries and scholarships?

Student Awards and Financial Aid Office at <http://registrar.uvic.ca/safa/>. You can reach their office by email finaid@uvic.ca or telephone (250) 721-8423.

Where can I get information about housing?

Residence Services at <https://www.uvic.ca/residence/>. You can also email housing@uvic.ca or telephone (250) 721-8395.

Summary of Experience: Required Template

Full Name:		Date	
Program applying for:		Student #, if known:	V00

Experience (first reference)

Reference name & email:	
Organization name & location:	
Your job title:	
Date range of experience, and number of relevant hours in this setting (only include hours that fall within the past four years):	
How did the referee observe you (the applicant) working with children/youth?	
Provide a description of your experience, including your duties.	
What was your (the applicant's) key learning during this experience?	

Experience (second reference)

Reference name & email:	
Organization name & location:	
Your job title:	
Date range of experience, and number of relevant hours in this setting (only include hours that fall within the past four years):	
How did the referee observe you (the applicant) working with children/youth?	
Provide a description of your experience, including your duties.	
What was your (the applicant's) key learning during this experience?	

Any additional experience pertinent to your application

Organization name & location:	
Your job title:	
Date range and number of hours in this setting:	
This experience was acquired with children/youth in K – Gr 8	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

It is your responsibility to ensure that the information you have supplied on this form meets the criteria outlined in the application instructions. Failure to do so may result in your application being ineligible for admission.

NOTE: Please keep this document to one page



Reflection on Experience: Required Template

Full Name: _____
Program applying for: _____

Date: _____
Student #, if known: V00

Please respond to the following questions. Answers must be typed and a maximum of 200 words per question.

1. Drawing on your experiences listed in the *Summary of Experience*, describe, **using one specific example**, how your perspective was changed based on what you learned through that experience.

Context: Teaching is becoming increasingly complex, requiring educators to continually learn new concepts and challenge our held values, world views and perspectives.

2. Drawing on your experiences listed in the *Summary of Experience*, what types of diversities did you encounter, considering ability, culture, socio-economic status, or gender differences? **Provide a specific example**, explaining challenges you encountered and what you did to ensure that everyone had a positive experience.

Context: Our schools and classrooms are becoming increasingly diverse. Additionally, our [BC Curriculum](#) stresses the importance of creating personalized experiences for all students in order to ensure their educational success.

